

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, There are a limited number of high schools in the state of South Dakota that have a string orchestra; and,

Whereas, David G. Elder was a student of J. Laiten Weed at the Yankton College Conservatory and, as a middle school student, played in the orchestra directed by Lucy Weed and recognized the importance of music education in the public school system; and,

Whereas, David G. Elder assumed the position in the Yankton School System of teaching string lessons and directing the orchestras for students in the fourth grade through high school for 35 years; and,

Whereas, David G. Elder recognized the need for string players to have additional opportunities to perform and perfect their musical talents beyond the public school system, and to interact with other string musicians as he had been able to do as a member of the Sioux Falls Symphony, Sioux City Symphony, USD Orchestra, Cherokee Symphony and Yankton College Orchestra; and,

Whereas, David G. Elder recognized the need for his student musicians to compete with other string players on a regional basis as evidenced by his leadership and commitment to the Lucy Palermo-Weed String Regional Competition for South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska; and,

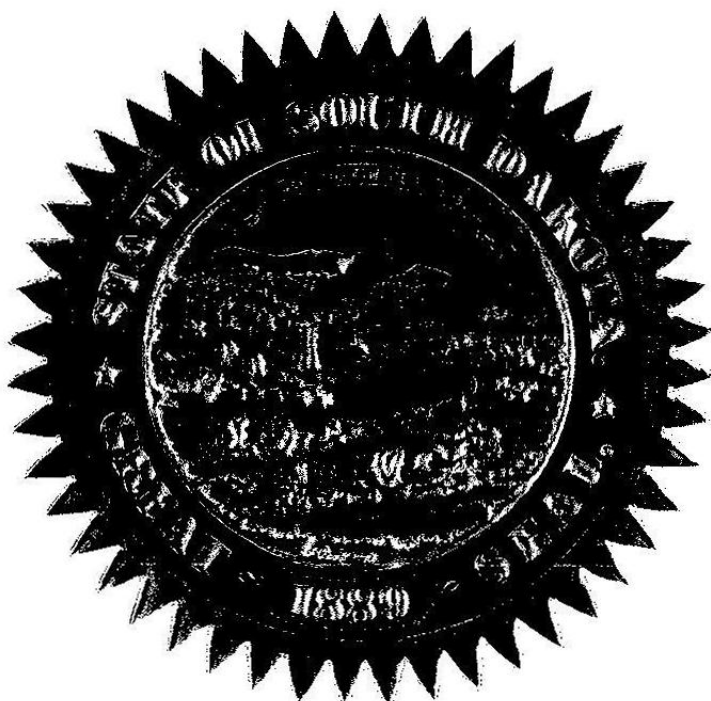
Whereas, In 2001, Yankton College and Yankton High School shared the vision of David G. Elder and began a string festival where all high school string players in eastern South Dakota, western Iowa, and northern Nebraska are invited to participate, interact with other string players, and experience the expertise of other exceptionally talented guest conductors; and,

Whereas, The fifth annual string festival will be held in Yankton, South Dakota, on November 14, 2005, with guest conductor Dr. John Thomson overseeing the largest group of string musicians ever assembled in one place in the state of South Dakota:

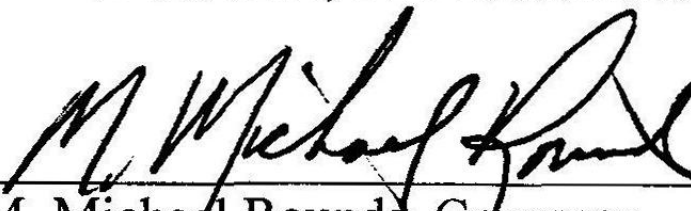
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2005, as

2005 DAVID G. ELDER STRING FESTIVAL DAY


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State